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Via Email

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**Re: *Stossel v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 5:21-cv-07385-VKD
Request for In-Person Hearing**

Dear Ms. Kratzmann:

We are counsel for Plaintiff John Stossel in the above-referenced case before Judge DeMarchi. In accordance with Judge DeMarchi's Standing Order for Civil Cases, effective February 7, 2022, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court conduct an in-person hearing on the motions scheduled for hearing on April 12, 2022, as follows: Defendant Meta Platforms, Inc.'s ("Meta") (1) Motion to Dismiss Complaint, (2) Special Motion to Strike Complaint Under California's Anti-SLAPP Statute (ECF No. 27), and Defendant Science Feedback's (1) Motion to Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), and (2) Motion to Strike Complaint Pursuant to California's Anti-SLAPP Statute, Code Civ. Proc. § 425.16 (ECF No. 50).

We discussed this matter with counsel for Science Feedback and Meta prior to making this request. Thomas Burke, counsel for Science Feedback, informed us that Science Feedback will defer to however the Court wishes to handle the matter. Molly Jennings, counsel for Meta, indicated that we may state Meta's position as follows: "Although Meta does not believe this case has the level of public or press attention that Plaintiff suggests (or that a Zoom hearing would impede public access to these proceedings if there is interest), Meta does not object to Plaintiff's request if the Court would find in-person argument helpful. Should the Court wish to conduct the hearing in person, Meta will attend in person."

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We appreciate the Court's consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Krista Baughman', with a stylized, cursive script.

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